

HOUSE RESOLUTION 335  
By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Victoria Simone Rice for her laudable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Victoria Simone Rice, who was recently accepted into the University of Tennessee-Memphis Dental School; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Rice has created a legacy of impressive academic achievement and detailed community involvement; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Ms. Rice was elected to serve as chair of the NAACP chapter membership committee at UT; this prestigious honor indicates the high level of integrity and probity that Ms. Rice exhibits in her daily activities; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating an aptitude for leadership, she has served as treasurer, sergeant-at-arms, and chaplain of Zeta Delta chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, she is also a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Health Honor Society and participated in Memphis Challenge; and

WHEREAS, others have noted Victoria Rice's promise and achievements, and she has been recognized with numerous local, regional, and national awards, which include being named an African-American Achievers Scholar and a four-year recipient of the John and Sarah Long Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, a consummate public servant, her many contributions to her community include chair of the student-run health clinic at Beaumont Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of White Station High School, Victoria Rice graduated in the top ten percent of her high school class, received National Achievement commendation, and participated in National Honor Society at White Station; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments are a tremendous source of pride for her mother, Dr. Nina J. Staples, M.D., her community, and her school; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Rice epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Victoria Simone Rice for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Victoria Simone Rice for her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.